



## In Brief

### Pearl Harbor holiday light boat tours

The Commanding Officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor invites all military and Department of Defense personnel and their authorized guests to the annual Pearl Harbor holiday lights boat tour on December 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Boats will depart Merry Point boat landing at 6:30 p.m., and every 20 minutes thereafter with the last boat departing at 8:50 p.m.

No reservations are necessary and guests of all ages are welcome on the free boat tours.

For more information, please contact Chief Petty Officer Janusheske, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor Arizona Detachment at 472-7150/7149.

### Gift wrapping volunteers needed

The Hickam and Pearl Harbor Red Cross Service Center is providing gift wrap services for donations at the Pearl Harbor NEX and Hickam AFB Main Exchange. Hours for each follow:

- NEX: Dec. 16, 18, 19, 22 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- BX: Dec. 18-20 from noon - 8 p.m. and Dec. 21-23 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to wrap. Call 449-1488 now to sign up.

### CAAC makes a move

The Counseling in Alcohol Assistance center (CAAC) has moved to Pearl Harbor Naval Station Building #1, Second Deck, Room 26. For more information call 471-8956.

### NAVREG PAO new numbers

The Navy Region Public Affairs Office has relocated from Bldg. 1 to Bldg. 150.

New phone numbers for the PAO office are: 473-2888 (main line), 473-2876 (fax) and 473-2883 (HNN).

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# Attack remembered



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A Marine Corps rifle detail stands at attention on the mooring quay used by the USS Vestal (AR 4) as a rainbow frames the scene during the 59th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The rainbow appeared on cue, as if scripted, over the top of the memorial service, helping set the mood as the participants showed their respects for the fallen service members from the attack.

# Japanese, American survivors make historic handshake

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THEIR paths crossed under the worst of circumstances 59 years ago. The warriors' only thought at that time was to defend their countries and lives at all cost.

When the attack on Pearl Harbor began, during the early morning hours of December 7, 1941, these young men's lives were forever changed. They were thrust into the world of war, forced to act as men. Forever linked together, for the rest of their lives.

On Dec. 6, during a ceremony onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the men who were once sworn enemies relived history - and created more - with a friendship ceremony and historical handshake at the site where their war was declared over, hatred ceased, and trust renewed.

On the morning of the attack, a young Japanese pilot, Zenji Abe led a group of Japanese bombers into the attack on Pearl Harbor. Abe was one of the pilots who released his cargo that fell on the battleship USS West Virginia (BB 48), which was moored just forward of the doomed USS Arizona (BB 39).

The battleship was hit by two bombs and seven torpedoes, which blew huge holes in her port side and quickly sank to the harbor bottom. More than a hundred of her crew were lost. One crewmember, Marine private, bugler Richard Fiske was on the quarter deck when the attack began and witnessed the bombs and

torpedoes that fell on, and eventually sank his ship.

Today, Fiske is a volunteer at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, and has maintained a nearly 10-year friendship with Abe. Fiske describes the relationship he has with his "Japanese warriors" as one which reaches beyond friendship.

"I don't call them just my friends anymore," Fiske said. "They are family, my family." Every month Abe sends Fiske money to place two roses in the shrine room of the Arizona memorial in memory of the more than 1,100 men that died onboard during the attack.

Fiske has vowed to continue the tradition as long as he is alive. "Let us hope the start of this friendship will generate into world wide peace," Fiske said.

As Fiske played the American and Japanese versions of Taps, a rose ceremony was conducted in remembrance of the American and Japanese men and women who gave their lives during the war. One of each of the roses was placed at the top of two friendship scrolls that were signed first by Fiske and Abe.

The scrolls were later signed by all of the war survivors and then by all in attendance as a commitment to an effort to maintain a life long peace between the two countries. One each will stay in the U.S. and Japan, to show its citizens that the other wishes peace and prosperity on its former enemy, and that they need each other for stabilization in the Pacific region.

After they signed the scrolls, Fiske and Abe embraced each other



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American and Japanese Pearl Harbor survivors grasp hands and form a circle during a friendship ceremony onboard the battleship Missouri on December 6. The participants also signed a friendship scroll renewing their commitment to peace and prosperity between the two countries.

and renewed their commitment to each other and to remembering their fallen shipmates.

To conclude the ceremony, all of the Pearl Harbor survivors, attackers and defenders were called in front of onlookers and placed in two rows facing each other. Fifty nine years ago these men faced each other much in the same way, but with an entirely different frame of mind.

Their eyes sized each other up, much in the same way that it had when they had first met in 1992.

But when asked to come together, there was no apprehension or hatred between the two groups. They embraced hands to form a symbolic never-ending circle. The survivors then thanked each other for their friendship and hoped for peace between the two countries, forever.

## Pearl Harbor commemorates 59th anniversary of Dec. 7, 1941 attack

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IN commemoration of the 59th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr. hosted the U.S. Navy memorial service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial Dec. 7. The sacred service, which began at 7:50 a.m., included prayers, more than 40 wreath presentations, a 21-gun salute and echo taps. The commemorative speaker was Adm. Dennis C. Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

"The only way to ever repay fallen comrades is to ensure their deaths were not in vain. That they will live on forever in spirit by continuing to move us," Blair said at the memorial service. "We salute them; we honor their sacrifice; we will not forget."

A moment of silence was observed throughout the naval base at 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 59 years ago. A long horn blast from USS Hopper (DDG 70), a guided missile destroyer homeported at Pearl Harbor, signaled the start of the moment of silence in memory of the men who lost their lives on that fateful day. The moment of silence concluded with a "missing man" flyover of four F-15s from Hawaii's Air National Guard.

The Pacific Fleet Band played the National Anthem at 8 a.m. while a Navy color detail raised the flag aboard the Arizona. The Arizona is the only non-commissioned Navy ship allowed to fly the U.S. flag. USS Hopper then rendered passing honors as officers and crewmembers came to attention and saluted as the ship passed the memorial.

Joe Reynolds, a Pearl Harbor survivor, thought the ceremony was a fitting commemoration of the attack. "It meant a lot to me and to the other guys that were here," Reynolds said. "I can't think of any better way to have this day remembered."

Federal, state and city officials, flag and general officers representing the U.S. armed forces, Pearl Harbor survivors and representatives of various veterans, patriotic and civic organizations attended the ceremony.

That afternoon other services were held for three deceased Pearl Harbor survivors who wished to have their remains set to rest at Pearl Harbor. The national Park Service interred the cremated remains of Photographer's Mate 1st Class Lewis P. Robinson, a USS Arizona survivor, within the hull of the sunken battleship.

The cremated remains of Lt. Cmdr. Joseph E. Dilloway and Gunner's Mate Chief Clarence J. Miller were scattered in the waters of Pearl Harbor and set to rest by the U.S. Navy.